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No cost license plates for Guard members

OBJECTIVE: To ensure Virginia's continued commitment to the men and women of the Virginia National Guard by changing the current 50% reduced price for a maximum of two license plates per household and registrations to 100% reduction for a single (1) license plate and registration.

BACKGROUND:

- Virginia currently offers a 50% reduction in cost for National Guard members to register up to 2 vehicles in the Commonwealth if they register them using Guard plates. These plates contain a logo indicating National Guard membership.
- Requested change would be 1 free license plate and registration per household.
- Those who currently have 2 registrations would be allowed to keep their 2 plates but all new registration requests would be limited to a single registration.
- Currently less than 20% of Guard members opt to get the plates.

DISCUSSION:

 Further reducing the cost of license plates for National Guard members would incentivize more members to obtain the National Guard plates, which would in turn further highlight their contributions and awareness of the Guard members in our communities.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governor and General Assembly further reduce the cost of license plates to recognize the service and commitment of our National Guard members.